

1. Call to Order

Tony Maldonado, Chair, called the meeting to order at 08:38 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Ignacio Pesqueira, Vice-Chair

3. Roll Call: Quorum (6)

Members:	Staff/Guests:	
Irma Hollamby (T)	Martin Moreno	Adam Soto
Angelo Maisto (A)	Mike Graser	Kerri Schultheis
Tony Maldonado (P)	Andy Zimmerman	Dianna Haines
Leah Palmer (T)	Jenn Leverett	Philip Popovich
Juliana Martinez (P)	Gracie Guerro	Sylvia Moreno
Bob Neckes (T)	Dayna Graser	Sharlet Barnett
Ignacio Pesqueira (P)	Rhonda Melancon	Lisa Mills
Patricia Wallace (A)	Eric James	

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – *Action Item*

- **May 17, 2012**
- **June 7, 2012**

Ignacio Pesqueira made a motion to approve minutes from May 17 and June 7, 2012; Juliana Martinez seconded; minutes approved.

ACTION ITEM: Chair requested for update regarding the relocation of the Las Artes program for the next Youth Council Meeting – Thursday, March 21, 2013

5. PY12 Real-Time Benchmarks – *Information, MWC Staff*

Martin Moreno shared results of Real-Time Benchmark Performance as of December 2012 for ***All Providers*** (excluding Las Artes):

- 90% Complete High School/GED Obtainment – all participants
- 91% Complete High School/GED Obtainment – all drop-outs
- 81% Stable Living Condition
- 45% Return to School/Alternative
- 89% Remained in School
- 73% Enrolled in Post Secondary/Training
- 100% Non-incarceration
- 93% Credential Attainment

[The purpose of these benchmarks can be found in the Training and Employment Guidance Letter \(TEGL\) No. 13-09.](#)

There was discussion about the validity of the data presented regarding the benchmark performance. Based on the report that is shared with council members, can we see if we need to improve services? Or are the services we provide beneficial to the population we serve?

Chair asked if we should continue with the current benchmarks. Or should we look at different performance measures?

ACTION ITEM: Irma recommended a meeting to further discuss the eight benchmarks used for performance and include Janet Woolum to assist with these measures. Also, how the Youth

Council would like to further its mission not in context of what to make the providers provide more or less of but maybe what we would help complete this story

6. ACYR Youth Leadership Council – Information, Juliana Martinez

Juliana Martinez shared the Ten Issues facing Youth from the Youth Workforce Development Summit on August 18, 2012:

- Financial pressures and problems
- Lack of connection to community resources
- Pain and problem avoidance thru addiction and dependence
- Lack of responsive effective education system
- Negative self-image
- Decimation against personal expression and presentation
- Negative pressures and influence in the community
- Inability to care for physical and emotional needs
- Lack of sex awareness of Youth
- Lack of Youth support system and role models

Also, shared the strategies/solutions from the September 22, 2012 Youth Workforce Development Summit:

- Increase the number of Youth Graduates
- Keep Youth Informed of Available Resources
- Improve Life and Living Skills
- Get Students to be more involved in school
- Actively build self-esteem and respect
- Build teen parent support systems for success
- Engage in active parenting
- Create awareness of youth development resources

To help resolve these issues, the summit will have a quarterly community event with workshops and speakers. Another summit is planned for September; currently the team is looking for a space to meet and more youth participants. The official meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every month at ACYR (4 PM)

Mr. Tony asked ACYR for the ages they serve, a reply was given; then asked the Providers present the same question. Mr. Tony was looking to see if any agency provides service to children ages 7 – 9 years old.

7. Youth Provider Testimonial (ACYR) – Information

Adam Soto presented Lisa, a Youth Advisor, who introduced the participant: Anthony

- Anthony started the program in 2010 working towards his GED
- Anthony study hard and didn't give-up; facing distractions he concentrated on his studies and became a part of the honor society
- Career Goals: Continue with education for Computer Technology/Networking and start own computer-repair business in about 5-10 years

8. Youth Provider Updates – Information, MWC Youth Providers

Las Artes (Glendale/Peoria)

- Relocation of program into new building; currently has met 61% of goal
- At time of move, all students enrolled went/enrolled in new location
- More Youth from the Bell area started to participate, as was the anticipation
- By end of January should have about 33 completed GEDs
- Just completed the EO audit with MWC QA Staff
- Job Developer now part of staff
- Will start financial classes as well as a nutrition course
- In-line with bus route

Las Artes (Maryvale)

- Will start an exercise and nutrition class
- 70% Enrollment
- 36 completed GED
- Since the move, enrollment has increased, this provided an option for students to complete GED courses at either location

Goodwill

- 46 of 80 enrolled (58%)
- Dec/Jan beg months for enrollment and May/June also
- In the last quarter, we had six new GED and two vocational certificates. Also, we have six in vocational training for certificated programs
- Goodwill selects a youth participant that is doing well in the program and this year the young lady chosen is doing extremely well and will graduate from the medical assistant program. All youth that enter the program are offenders when they start and it's good to see lives changed
- Youth are coming every day to receive help from tutor for the GED
- Looking to start a workshop with people from the communities with unfavorable backgrounds that have turned their lives around to share their story of success and inspire youths

ASPIRE

- Final stages of Youth internship program and looking for employers to buy-in and set-up work experience opportunities
- Recently obtained a new grant and develop various training programs for youth participants
- The ASPIRE program is in developing stages to offer services in the East/South East Valley

ACYR

- Over 60% of enrollment for program year
- In the Career Pathway Program we started a new Conservation Resource Management training course with four county youths participating
- The Medical Assistant program is wrapping up; this training started in June and will have 11 graduates
- Currently recruiting for the Pharmacy Technician program with the Southwest Skill Center; this is in partnership with CVS

9. Call to the Public

- Flyers for Youth Build Phoenix will be available for youths living in the city of Phoenix

10. Adjournment: 9:36 a.m.